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TO LET—Large and well lighted rooms in the new building 11 Government street, suitable for offices and sample rooms. Apply to John Barnsley & Co.

BOUGHT CARRARA QUARRIES.

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 31.—It is stated that Senator Proctor, of Vermont, has bought the famous Carrara quarries of Italy, thus securing the control of the bulk of the world's supply of statuary and building marble. The sum paid was about \$10,000,000.

GUTTED BY FIRE.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 31.—A fire early to-day destroyed the plant of the Bellair Stamping Co., at Harvey, Ill., a manufacturing suburb of this city. The loss is estimated at \$400,000; insurance about \$375,000.

THE BOYS AT VANCOUVER.

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There was a crowd of five thousand people at the station, and the enthusiasm was tremendous. Mayor Gordon received them as they stepped from the decorated train, and the military guard of honor spread among the citizens gathered for blocks around. There were several thousand school children heading the street parade.

The men were taken to the Albermarle theatre for lunch, and from there the Victoria men will be escorted to the steamer, arriving at the capital this evening.

The Victoria men are looking in remarkably good health, as if they were just returning from a week's holiday. Each tells the same story of the grand reception at Halifax, and met generous treatment all the way across the continent.

OFFICIAL TRIP.

(Associated Press.)
New Orleans, Dec. 31.—The heads of the Southern Pacific Railway Company are gathered preparatory to starting to-day over the transcontinental system with the new president, Chas. M. Hayes.

Vice-president Stubbs said to-day that the plans originally made for deep water connections at Galveston would be cancelled out.

Wall Paper Sale

20 Per Cent Discount.

Don't lose this opportunity.

Will continue this sale for a few days more to clear out present stock and make room for new goods.

J. W. MELLOR, 76 and 78 Fort Street.

LIVERPOOLS WERE CAPTURED

Boers Took British Post at Helvetia and Made Two Hundred of the Garrison Prisoners.

THIRTY-THREE KILLED AND WOUNDED

Burgers in Cape Colony Are Evidently Waiting for Reinforcements From the North—Dewet's Force Held in Check.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 31.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, Dec. 30th, 7.50 a. m.—General Lyttleton reports that our post at Helvetia was captured yesterday morning by the Boers. About 50 were killed and wounded, and 200 taken prisoners."

Lord Kitchener reports that he is following with a small force in the track of the enemy, Helvetia being re-occupied by Reeves who has been reinforced from Belfast.

Helvetia was a strong position on the Machadodorp Lydenburg railway, and was held by a detachment of the Liverpool regiment.

"I am asking for further information," writes Lord Kitchener.

According to further telegrams received yesterday, Zerst is practically besieged, but has provisions sufficient for five months.

The garrison at Ottoshoop has been withdrawn to Lydenburg.

A dispatch from Carnarvon, dated yesterday, reports that the Boers who were threatening that point were driven off, and are being pursued.

"It is evident," says a belated dispatch from Krugersdorp, dated December 23rd, "that the Boer commissariat in the direction of Magaliesburg is well supplied, and that until the country between here and Magaliesburg is properly cleared of Boers, they will continue to concentrate there, the ground being particularly adapted to their methods of warfare."

The Boers admit that in their fight with General Clements at Nootgedacht they lost 130 men.

Lord Kitchener wiring from Pretoria on Saturday, December 29th, says:

"There is not much change in the situation in Cape Colony."

"The eastern force of the enemy appears to have been broken up into small parties at Utrecht, and to be moving about rapidly into the same district, evidently waiting for support from the North."

"The last report states that the western force is moving to Carnarvon and De Lisle and Thorneycroft, are in close pursuit."

"French has occupied Ventersdorp. Clements reports that he is opposed on the road to Rustenburg."

"The eastern line was blown up near Pan and a train was held up this morning on the Standerton line near Vaal station. White's column has arrived at Senekal."

"Knox's column and Boyce's brigade are holding Dewet from breaking south."

Commenting upon the Helvetia incident, the Daily Mail calls upon the government to send out at least 50,000 additional mounted men.

Surprised at Dawn.

London, Dec. 31.—Gen. Kitchener, telegraphing from Pretoria, Sunday, December 30th, says:

"The post at Helvetia was surprised at 2.30 a.m., the enemy first rushing a 4.7 gun."

"At dawn the officer commanding the post at Swartz kopje sent out a patrol and detected the enemy out of Helvetia, making them abandon the gun temporarily. The Boers, however, formed our prisoners around the gun and got it away eventually. No ammunition belonging to the gun was captured."

"The casualties were: four officers wounded, 11 men killed and 22 wounded. A captured flag was sent out from Machadodorp, but owing to the bad roads it failed to arrive in time."

Services Declined.

London, Dec. 31.—Mr. Chamberlain, according to a dispatch from Wellington, N. Z., has declined the services of Maoris for South Africa.

Recruits for Baden-Powell.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—A gratuity of five months' pay, amounting to £40, has been given by the war office to Lieut. Mason, of the first contingent, who was wounded at Paardeberg.

The militia department is deluged with applications for enlistment in the Transvaal mounted police under Gen. Baden-Powell. The question of recruiting stations is under discussion between the militia authorities here and the imperial authorities.

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TIDE TABLES

For Seaports in British Columbia—Ottawa Municipal Nominations.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The tidal survey branch of the department of marine and fisheries has issued tide tables for the chief seaports in British Columbia for 1901. These are the first that have been compiled especially for the Pacific coast in Canada.

The Dominion government has passed an order-in-council approving of the sale of the Bank of British Columbia to the Bank of Commerce. This was necessary by the new Bank Act. The order will appear in the next official Gazette, and then the agreement between the banks will be legal.

Municipal nominations took place here to-day. There are six candidates in the field for the mayoralty. They are: Messrs. Cook, McLeod, Campbell, Blair, Butler and Davis. Four were aldermen in the present council, and Messrs. Campbell and Cook ex-aldermen.

Imprisoned By Floods

Coventry's Streets Inundated and Inhabitants Are Unable to Leave Their Homes.

Buildings and Bridges Have Been Swept Away and Much Stock Drowned.

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 31.—Heavy snow storms, deluging rain and furious gales, have created havoc in many parts of the country. There have been disastrous floods, landslides and washouts, and on all sides much stock has been drowned.

The railroads and highways are blocked, buildings and bridges have been carried off and the overflowing streams have inundated miles of country, while the rains have submerged the streets in some of the towns three to four feet.

At Coventry the devastation is greater than at any time during the last 30 years. A number of factories have been flooded, and hundreds of the inhabitants are imprisoned in their houses.

Many trains on the Midland railway have been stopped because of their fires being extinguished by the floods.

The town of Bath is endangered by the rise of the Avon, which is now ten feet above the normal.

Immense tracts of land in several counties have been transformed into inland seas, the inhabitants seeking refuge in the upper rooms of their dwellings. Many villages are altogether isolated, and some towns of considerable size are without gas owing to the works being flooded.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Found Dead in Bed—Speaker of the Senate—Town Partially Destroyed by Fire.

(Associated Press.)
Toronto, Dec. 31.—A. Jardine, president of the Pure Gold Manufacturing Co., was found dead in bed yesterday morning. Heart disease was the cause of death. He was 63 years old.

Rev. Mr. Potts says the prospects are that the Methodist Central Fund will exceed the million dollar mark.

Mayor Macdonald, Alderman Spence, ex-Mayor John Shaw, C. Woodley and O. A. Howland were nominated for mayor to-day.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Lt. Col. Peters, formerly D.O.C. Victoria, and for the past year D. O. C. Toronto, replacing Col. Otter, is to assume the duties as D. O. C. of Montreal district on January 3rd, vice Lt. Col. Roy, who is to devote his whole attention to District No. 6, St. Johns, Que.

Halifax, Dec. 31.—It is understood here that Senator Power has been definitely chosen as Speaker of the Senate in succession to Sir A. P. Pelletier.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—There is talk of disqualifying the members of this year's council for having voted to authorize an indebtedness greater than what is allowed by the municipal act.

The Canadian Patriotic Fund now amounts to \$266,633.

Kingston, Dec. 31.—Percy, the Napanee bank robber, is said to have willed \$20,000 of railway stock to his sister prior to being operated upon a few days ago. He is said to have held \$32,000 in bonds.

Windsor, Dec. 31.—Through the efforts of M. K. Cowan, the Dominion government has forced the United Tax Co., of Detroit, to supply Canadian factories and houses with their product.

Weston, Dec. 31.—The principal business part of the town was destroyed by fire last night, the origin was unknown. The loss is estimated at \$100,000; insurance unknown.

THE KIDNAPPERS.

Threaten to Carry Off Another of Mr. Cudahy's Children.

(Associated Press.)
Omaha, Neb., Dec. 31.—A. Cudahy, the millionaire, has received a second communication from whoever kidnapped his son. It contains a threat and says, in substance, that unless he withdraws his offer of \$25,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of each of the three bandits, they will kidnap another of his children. Mr. Cudahy's house was cordoned off by telephone on Thursday morning and advised to get a letter in the front yard. The kidnappers continued the above information. Mr. Cudahy says the reward offered stands as originally announced.

WE WISH TO THANK



Our many friends who have been pleased to patronize us in 1900. We will exert every effort to please our patrons during the new century. We want you to understand that we are in a position to take every advantage of the fluctuations in the markets, that we work on a small margin of profit and give you the benefit of our close purchases. We shall keep you posted every week on any changes there might be in the markets. Our low prices are the fruits of well bought goods and the power of money.

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We have a large stock of Hats and Caps, which we invite the trade to call and inspect, including Stetson's latest shapes in Fedoras and Cowboy Hats.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

Christmas Slipper

Ladies!—On the threshold of the Social Season we bid you welcome to the largest and most complete assortment of Party and Dress Footwear in Victoria. Everything that refined taste, correct fashion and elegance can suggest is here. Everything in "Dress Footwear" is at your command.

Unlimited Assortment

of Ladies' Glaze Kid, Jet and Silk Trimmed Party Slippers, \$1.15 to \$4; Ladies' Colored Satin and Kid Slippers, \$1.50 to \$3; Ladies' Finest Patent Leather and Kid, "Duchess," "Grecian" and "Court Pump," High Louis XV, heel, Jet and Steel Ornament Slippers.

If there is a lady in Victoria we can't please in Dress Footwear we would like to see her.

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Poultry Netting, Garden Tools, Bone Mills, Lawn Mowers, Garden Barrows, Paints and Oils.

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Christmas Goods

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HIGH GRADE WATCHES

Just received, a large and well selected assortment of high grade watches, some of them are of our own make, the others have been selected from the best makers in Switzerland. Chronograph watches with registers; Chronograph watches with batimant; Alarm watches; high-grade non-magnetic watches for conductors and motor-men and electricians; also first quality Swiss Carriage Clocks. Call and inspect them. Price and quality will interest you.

J. WENGER, JEWELER,

OPPOSITE TROUCE AVENUE.

90 GOVERNMENT STREET.

Boers In North Natal

They Have Been Trying to Break the Lines of Communication

Kimberley Almost Isolated—Major Gen. Colville Demands Trial By Court-Martial

London, Dec. 30.—Dispatches from South Africa add little or nothing to the information concerning the situation there. The general trend of events seems to show that the British are regaining the ground recently lost.

A dispatch from Standerton, dated December 28th, says it is estimated that 2,000 Boers were engaged in the operations in North Natal, hoping to break the British line of communication. This plan failed, and the Boers were driven off in each case with more or less loss, their casualties in the past day or two numbering 50, while the British casualties were slight.

According to a Johannesburg dispatch of Friday's date, Gen. French occupied Ventersdorp that day without opposition. This place being a great telegraphic centre, has been much used by the Boers for the dissemination of information.

The possession of Ventersdorp, Richtersburg and Zeerust gives the British a strong hold upon this part of the country.

From Carnarvon, under yesterday's date, comes a dispatch saying that the Boers occupied Voshburg—December 27th, in force, and were reported to be moving on Carnarvon, where martial law has been proclaimed. The farmers have assured the authorities that they will remain loyal and will suppress disloyal talk.

It is creditably reported, according to a dispatch from Newcastle, dated December 29th, that Louis Botha has informed Commandant Spruit that Kruger has sent word that the burghers must lay down their arms or continue fighting on their own account, as no support from Europe can be expected.

Almost Isolated.

Crabrook, Cape Colony, Friday, Dec. 27.—Kimberley is almost isolated by Boer raiders. No mail has reached there from December 19th to December 25th. Provisions are at famine prices. The military took charge of all the food stuff on December 22nd.

The Leinster regiment, commanded by Major Barry, had a skirmish lasting four hours with the Boers at Dismal, on December 27th, suffering slight losses. The Boers at Dismal captured a convoy of 25 wagons on Christmas Eve.

Statement by Colville.

London, Dec. 29.—Major-General Sir Henry Colville, whose resignation has been demanded by the war office, but who refused to resign and came to England from Gibraltar, arriving at Plymouth on December 27th, after a long and arduous journey, was met by a large number of people.

He says he has come home to demand a free inquiry and does not intend to be made a scapegoat for the sake of the staff. He avers that the Lindley disaster could never have happened had he been informed of Lord Roberts' intentions. The primary cause of the surrender, he says, was the insufficient information given by the headquarters staff to Scott, Sprague and himself, and he declines to accept the blame. He lays out the facts and blames others.

Gen. Colville and his industrial friends in and out of the army are thus beginning a campaign against the new secretary of state for war, Mr. William St. John Broderick, Lord Roberts and Gen. Kitchener. It is said it is to be fought out with some ferocity in parliament.

When he returned from South Africa, Gen. Colville says he fully acquiesced in the war office with the facts. After some time he was informed by Gen. Evelyn Wood, the adjutant-general, that Lord Lansdowne, then secretary of state for war, had directed him to say that Gen. Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief, has approved Gen. Colville's resignation his Gibraltar command.

He has considered his statements and Lord Roberts' discharges on the subject. His resignation was the result of the inquiry. By his resignation, Mr. Wood, on December 21st, notified

A TELEPHONE CABLE.

Probability of the Route Being by Way of Saanich and Point Roberts.

Mr. Farrell, who is conducting the negotiations for the connecting of the Mainland and Island telephone systems by means of a cable, is in the city this week endeavoring to interest citizens in the proposal.

The company is considering alternative routes, one by way of Gabriola Island from English Bay, Vancouver, to Saanich, and thence to Victoria. The distance across to Nanaimo would be about twenty-six miles.

The other, and preferable route, is from Point Roberts to Sidney, touching at Mayne, Pender, and Moresby, and thence to Saanich peninsula, and into the city. The advantage of this route is that the stretches of cable the expensive part of the line will be comparatively short, the line being conducted overland on the islands.

Another important reason in favor of the Sidney route is that the island sections will be remunerative, thirty-four instruments having been promised on Mayne Island alone. The patrons will pay, in addition to the ordinary toll, a cable toll, but this they will not object to, owing to the great convenience which will be afforded them.

It is estimated that in any event the cable will cost \$100,000, and that it will be one of the most pretentious and important enterprises in the maritime telephone work ever attempted.

The cable will be sufficiently large to permit of handling all the business of the south of the international boundary, to connect with which a cable may be necessary under the Fraser, should the line go by way of Nanaimo.

There seems little room to doubt that Nanaimo and Victoria will, in any event, be connected in the immediate future by a telephone wire.

CHINA'S REPLY.

Sir Robert Hart Expresses Note Will Be Accepted in Its Entirety.

Peking, Dec. 29.—Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese imperial marine customs, frequently sees Prince Ching. He says Prince Ching expects a definite reply from the court to the pointed note of the powers not before January 8th. He has not been informed that Li Hung Chang has heard from the court or that there are any objections on the part of the Chinese to the maintenance of the legation guards or the raising of the Tahn flags, but he would not be surprised if this were so.

He believed, however, that the note will be accepted in its entirety, and within a short time. The Chinese will possibly make futile objections, though he thinks both Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang will advise compliance with the note as it stands.

It is doubtful how whether Li Hung Chang will be able to attend the meetings of the diplomatic corps. The signs of old age are becoming more pronounced, and the lower portion of his body is completely paralyzed.

Though it is officially announced to-day that Earl Li's condition is improving, it is a fact that he has not appeared out of doors since he was first taken ill. His friends say they believe he will not completely recover, and that another commissioner must be appointed.

Imperial Troops Scattered.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The war office has received from Count von Waldersee a dispatch, dated Peking, December 28th, reporting that a company of the Third Asiatic regiment scattered 500 imperial troops on December 24th, in the mountains northwest of Suao Tcheng.

The dispatch also announces that a detachment under Lt.-Col. Pichel has been dispatched from Peking to Chang Ping Chu and Nankin, respectively thirty-seven and forty-three kilometres northwest of Peking.

FRANCE AND BRITAIN.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The semi-official Temps, favorably commenting on the prospects of the Anglo-French negotiations regarding the Newfoundland French shore, says: "France cannot be deprived of her incontestable and undisputed rights. An understanding must be reached, but this task is not above the efforts of the diplomats of the two countries. It would be especially happy if that cause of perpetual misunderstandings and permanent bad relations, thanks to the wisdom and good-will of the two governments, should become the basis for accord, and that Newfoundland, in coming to be a bone of contention, becomes the cause of a cordial understanding between France and England."

DIED WITH HER CHILDREN.

Dubuon, Pa., Dec. 27.—In the little village of Siding, ten miles from Roomville, this morning, the house of one Harriger was burned and Mrs. Harriger and her two little daughters, aged 5 and 7 years, perished. Mrs. Harriger was away from home. When Mrs. Harriger arose this morning, she discovered the house to be on fire, and called her two sons, who were sleeping in the room upstairs to where her children were sleeping, and catching her three-month-old baby in her arms, threw it from the window. It sustained no injuries. She then directed her attention to the two little daughters, who were overcome by the fire and the smoke, and perished with them.

CHICKEN, Dec. 20.—Alfred Harnsworth, editor and proprietor of the London Daily Mail, has consented to take entire charge for one day only of the New York World, next Monday, to illustrate his ideas of what the Twentieth Century newspaper should be.

Tuesday's edition of the World will be under Mr. Harnsworth's sole direction—new in form, size, style and contents.

It is said that Mr. Joseph Pulitzer personally offered to give twenty thousand dollars to any charity Mr. Harnsworth designated, if Mr. Harnsworth could successfully illustrate his novel ideas of twentieth century journalism, which he has expressed in recent magazine articles and newspaper interviews. This invitation, it is said, was accepted by Mr. Harnsworth.

BURNED TO DEATH.

New York, Dec. 29.—Three-year-old Percival Dolan was burned to death this afternoon. His clothing having been set afire by a blazing Christmas tree at his home. They had set the tree afire while trying to light the candles.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

THE SIGNATURE IS ON EVERY BOX OF THE GENUINE LAXATIVE BROMO-QUININE TABLETS.

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and grippe during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. This is because of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this remedy, they recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the grippe in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of the grippe to result in pneumonia.

For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

Garfield Tea

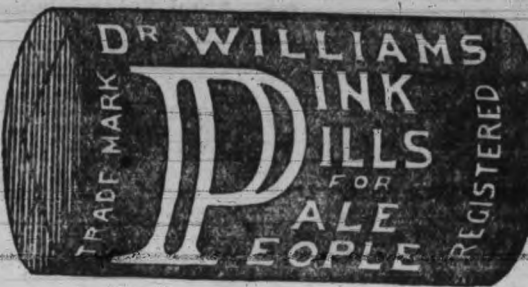
For Liver and Kidneys and Impure Blood.

All Druggists.

25 Cents

than the French.

Two Canadian Productions



Cannot be Beaten in the World.



Mines Not Affected

The Work on Rosland Properties Will Be Continued as Usual.

They Are Able to Pay Their Own Way—West Australian Shares Unstable.

Rosland, Dec. 29.—Considerable excitement was caused here by the news of the suspension of the London and Globe in London yesterday; but from the best sources of information available, it was evident that it will not affect this camp unfavorably.

The London and Globe has a capital of \$15,000,000. It was formed as the parent company for Western Australian companies, of which Whitaker Wright was the leading spirit. It is the parent company of the British American Corporation, which was organized on March 1, 1895, for the purpose of operating in British Columbia mines, with a capital stock of \$1,500,000. It is the parent corporation of the Columbia

Western Mining Co., Northport Mining & Smelting Co., and Le Roi No. 1 Mining Co., and Le Roi No. 2. The shareholders in the London and Globe had the preference in purchase of the shares of the B. A. Co., and also when the flotations were made of the Le Roi, Le Roi No. 2, and the other flotations made by the B. A. Co. In this way considerable stock in these companies is held by the stockholders in the London and Globe. Before the several companies were placed on the market, however, the B. A. Co. financed them, that is to say, they found the money to purchase them and to put them on a shipping basis. The B. A. Co. received what money it advanced in this way, and a profit when the companies were organized and their shares disposed of. These companies are independent. They are being operated by the companies formed to run them, and are in no way affected by the fact that the London and Globe has suspended payment.

The Le Roi has been shipping the No. 1 and Rosland and Great Western and the Columbia and Kootenay, are all in a position to ship. The latter, however, has not yet been provided with transportation facilities, and is not in quite as forward a state as the others are. What has kept from shipping only a few hundred tons for several months past is the lack of smelting facilities, and these are now being provided for by the enlargement of the smelter at Northport.

The Le Roi has 90,000 tons of ore in the yards at Northport, and there is lots more broken down and ready to ship in the Le Roi. The Le Roi No. 2 and the Rosland and Great Western, in fact,

could, were the smelter facilities available, ship 1,000 tons a day.

The Nickel Plate Co. shipped 4,000 tons and the Le Roi No. 2 the same. By the first of February the Northport smelter capacity will increase from 450 tons to about 1,000 tons, and this will enable it to handle about all the present output.

In order to provide for a future increase, the smelter's capacity is to be enlarged to at least 2,000 tons per day.

The management of the B. A. Co. in this city knows nothing whatever of the causes of suspension of the London and Globe, attention to mining, and have no knowledge of the manipulations of the London stock market. They were positive, however, that the suspension would have no effect on the mines here, as they are able to stand alone and pay their own way, and that their future was assured beyond the peradventure of a doubt. So far as Rosland is concerned, the fall in the price of shares will have little or no effect, for the reason that only a very few shares are held here. A short time since there was some speculation on margins in Le Roi shares, and some sold out at a profit, and the rest of the shares were sold at a failure to put them on a rise. It is thought the suspension of the London and Globe is due to some error since the Whitaker Wright company bought short were pretty badly squeezed. A number of London brokers have been endeavoring to make a counter coup in order to get even.

On Friday the annual meeting of the Le Roi Company was held in London, and at this the announcement was made that the company was going to be reorganized into the large sum required for development work and for the business plans put in, that no dividend would be declared.

This, it is thought, led to an onslaught on the London and Globe, which caused the suspension.

Situation in London.

London, Dec. 29.—Many of the shares of the West Australian and other groups were absolutely unsalable to-day. Since Thursday, Lake Views have lost five and a quarter. The British American Corporation shares were quoted Thursday at 15s. 3d. today they were 10s. after being 11s. 6d. They are now 10s. 6d. Although there is some nervousness in regard to speculative shares generally, just the public should become alarmed, it is thought that probably the worst is known. The London and Globe, in one of the subsidiaries of which the Lake Views are the trouble originated, is a highly speculative financing company, which has met with much adverse criticism during the last few years.

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VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The coroner's jury, Coroner of "manslaughter, with extenuating circumstances," for the stabbing of Joseph Laurencelle, at the Rideau ride range, recently.

The Russians are greater gourmands than the French.

NORTHERN NOTES.

New Trail From Five Fingers—Northern Weather Report.

A letter to the Times, dated Skagway, December 23rd, says:

The people at Five Fingers have cut a new trail, beginning at the old "Itin-deer" station and coming out to McKay's post. This will cut off 10 miles of the C. D. Co.'s roughest part. It runs through a very level country.

D. Burns, of the firm of D. Burns & Co., Vancouver, came out from Dawson in ten days. He went in with the last snow of the season and got hung up at Selkirk. He reports the trail unfit for double teams. Lemons are \$40 a box in Dawson.

Frank Shavin and White had a boxing bout of 10 rounds.

The Canadian Development Co. has got behind in carrying the mails. Three tons of mail is lying at Selwyn. It is thought they will put on an extra force and get it away.

Murray McDonald, brother-in-law of A. D. Williams, a prominent mine owner on Hunker creek, has been missing since July 1st. He was last seen on the steamer Yukon at White Horse. He was riding home to Nova Scotia, and had considerable money, and was very fond of displaying it. The police have given up the search.

The White Pass & Yukon railway bridge at the Switchback is completed. By the first of the year trains will be crossing. It is the only structure of its kind in Alaska, and is 215 feet high, 400 feet long and trestle work will add 450 feet more. It was built by the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Co., Wm. Bates was foreman; John Hislop assistant engineer and Alfred Williams his assistant were looking after W. P. & Y. railway interests. This will make a difference of 20 minutes between Skagway and White Horse. The Switchback was where the W. P. & Y. railway had the most trouble with the snow, the rotary had to back up to get to the trestle. It is reported that they are going to run the passenger train at 9 o'clock instead of 8:30 in the morning.

The South Africans in Dawson nearly all say they will go to the Transvaal in the spring. They say the output will equal the Yukon in one month.

The bankers of Dawson are doing all they can to prevent the establishment of a government assay office at that place. The banks this season purchased more than \$12,000,000 worth of gold, or half the output. It is a great profit to them.

Good reports are daily coming out from Porcupine district, all the way strainers are calling there and delivering freight and passengers. D'Alton & Hanley are going to put on 20 horse-teams to haul the goods into the interior. The Chilcot trail is in excellent condition, and in a few weeks will be crowded with teams hauling supplies.

The Yukon council has made a complaint to the Canadian Development Company about the way mails have been arriving of late.

The mail carriers from the lower Yukon report a big strike up in the Tanana district, which is on the American side. They say it goes \$14 to the pan. Capt. Holy, of the N. A. T. & T. Co., Dawson, got letters from parties in there but refused to give any information. A stamped is expected from Dawson.

The Liberals of the Yukon have organized a party. It is the first political party to organize in the Yukon. It favors a paper mail in winter as well

as summer, and a faster winter mail service. It also urges a Canadian mint and a government assay office.

The northern weather report for December 22nd is as follows:

Iskut—Clear, calm and cool.

Telegraph Creek—Cloudy, north wind and 14 above.

Nahlin—Clear, calm and 1 below.

Nakina—Clear, calm and mild.

Pike River—Cloudy, calm and mild.

Bennett—Clear, calm and 23 above.

Caribou—Clear, calm and 8 above.

White Horse—Clear, mill, calm, and 8 above.

Atlin—Clear, calm and 10 above.

Tahiti—Cloudy, calm and 5 below.

Lower Laberge—South wind, part cloudy, 22 above.

Upper Laberge—Clear, south wind, 22 above.

Hoodlunqu—Clear, calm and 20 above.

Big Salmon—Clear, calm and mild.

Five Fingers—Clear, calm and 22 above.

Stewart River—Cloudy, calm, and light snow.

Ogilvie—Cloudy, calm, light south wind and 3 below.

Selkirk—Clear, calm and 7 below.

Selwyn—Cloudy, calm and 13 below.

Dawson—Light snow and 13 above.

Forty-Mile—Cloudy, calm and 2 above.

The great Napoleon much enjoyed a good conical song.

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VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Applications for the admission of non-resident children to the city schools for the ensuing term will be considered on Wednesday, January 2nd.

On the same date three teachers will be appointed. Holders of first-class certificates may apply.

Two janitors are wanted, one for the Rock Bay school, duties to begin at once; and one for the Hillside school, duties to begin February 1st.

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Playhouse Gossip

Frawley's Company Appear at the Victoria To-Night in "Madame Sans Gene."

Frederick Warde on Thursday—Tragedy in the Town of Medicine Hat

The Frawley company will appear at the Victoria theatre to-night and to-morrow night. Local playgoers will extend a warm welcome to this excellent company, who constitute the one standard dramatic attraction of Western America. That a packed house will be on hand to greet this splendid organization does not need saying. Mr. Frawley has developed the habit of breaking theatrical records this season, the San Francisco engagement of nineteen weeks, which came to a close a short time ago, having proved not only the banner season for him in the Bay City, but it also established a new mark for the Grand opera house, the largest theatre in the West.

The plays which Mr. Frawley offers are William Gillette's "Secret Service" and Victorien Sardou's "Madame Sans Gene," both of them being among the greatest successes ever known to the stage. It has frequently been said by competent critics that "Secret Service" is the best piece of work ever produced on this continent, and has not only been exploited with tremendous success in its native land, but it has also been received with enthusiasm in England, Australia and France. In all of these countries it won more praise than had ever before been accorded to any American work.

As an example of fine dramatic construction, it has never been surpassed. No where in its course does it take advantage in the slightest degree of stage license. While this is, of course, permitted to dramatic writers, it is, nevertheless, at times a distinct bar to rational enjoyment at the theatre. "Secret Service" is the most probable, convincing and natural play ever produced in New York, and it is so written so intensely absorbing that every auditor follows it through its swift and exciting course with an interest which never relaxes for an instant.

Mr. Warde's New Role.

Mr. Frederick Warde and the Brune company, which includes those two well known stars, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Spencer, will present the new romantic comedy "The Duke's Jester" at the Victoria on Thursday night. This will be the first presentation of the play in this city, and the initial appearance here of Mr. Frederick Warde, tragedian, comedian.

greatest characters of the greatest bard of history were placed before them, intelligently and comprehensively. As Mr. Warde is a tragedian of the renowned old school, so have his roles in the past been representative of the leading personalities in tragic drama; and the portrayal of the character "Cecilia" on Thursday night will prove a treat, the enjoyable character of which will be accentuated by the fact of its being a change from previous presentations.

In regard to tragedy many stories have been told, of the pathetic incidents which have at various times occurred to agitate the personnel of a company, in other scenes than the stage. An exemplification of this is afforded in the following by Edgar Keller, which appeared in the Christmas number of the New York Mirror, entitled "When We Did the Merchant of Venice, in the Town of Medicine Hat":

"When we did the 'Merchant of Venice' in the town of Medicine Hat, we were guaranteed two hundred. They were guaranteed to get us at that time in the month of December. The 'geography' covered with snow. The company stiff to a number. The mercury, actually low. No script decidedly low. Thermometer sixty below.

We were billed in the usual manner. With paper that couldn't be beat. The advance man had painted a banner. That screamingly screamed 'o'er the street. (That last line, O, let me repeat—It screamingly screamed 'o'er the street.

The inhabitants drove up in sledges, in blankets, in furs and in wraps. The town hall was jammed to the edges. In this village that's not on the maps. The orchestra—quite pathetic. They hadn't heard of the 'rag.' Played 'I Was Born in Canada.' Beneath the British flag." It should have been played in "rag." Played and tattered in "rag." Played right out in "rag."

The census of Venice was meagre. A dozen, in truth, I should say. At 'The Hat' a thousand came eager to pay their respects and their way. And to kind of make good, that two hundred.

Incidentally, to make the play. Yet they sat to the end of the play. They saw to the finish our play. Our finish we saw in the play.

Antonio, the Merchant of Venice, when we opened at Medicine Hat, did likewise Laurence Gobbos. He was very much better in that. 'Sultors to Portia' we mentioned. She had many according to text. But of this there was not much observed.

Of the best thing we always did next. The best thing we hoped to do next. We never knew what to do next.

Old Gobbos, the hit of the evening. Did also Tubal, the Jew. The Gobbos, old and young Laurence, certainly 'hogged the show.' Lorenzo, in love with Jessica, a part that he already knew. Played also the Duke of Venice, Salario, Salario, too. Yet he shifted the scenery too. And to someone he said 'Go to—'

I think of the Merchant That Did Us, In the town of Medicine Hat. Oh, yes. We were billed in the usual manner. With paper that couldn't be beat. The advance man had painted a banner. That screamingly screamed 'o'er the street. (That last line, O, let me repeat—It screamingly screamed 'o'er the street.

NOW IN HIGH SCHOOL.

Results of the Examinations Held Here Recently—Larger Percentage Successful Than at Mid-Summer.

The period of suspense on the part of the candidates who sat at the High school entrance examinations on December 17th and 18th expired on Saturday, the results showing that those successful numbered as follows: Victoria, 40; Nanaimo, 12; New Westminster, 22; Nelson, 8; and Roseland, 5.

As the consideration of the paper on grammar has not yet been concluded, the results of the examination of Vancouver have not been announced, but it is believed that between 65 and 75 candidates have been successful there.

The possible number of marks was as follows, and those who obtained the requisite percentage in Victoria are:

North Ward—Frank Anderson, 711; Edward Hosker, 705; Richard Hall, 689; Imogene Cox, 680; Mable W. Clarke, 680; Maggie McNutt, 625; Alice Coughlin, 617; James Holland, 617; Mary Haynes, 609. Number presented at examination, 10.

Victoria West School—Henry P. Rutter, 638; Ruth E. McDonald, 615; Wm. R. Jenkinson, 602. Number presented at examination, 12.

South Park—Isabella Holmes, 673; Gertrude M. Smith, 650; Wilfred G. Alcott, 651; Edith Reufree, 641; William A. Irving, 622. Number presented at examination, 5.

Bays Central—Andrew L. Neelands, 703; Hilis R. Houston, 707; Robert L. Dickinson, 690; John G. Anderson, 687; Gilbert G. Fraser, 642; John P. Wallis, 638; Eric W. Hardie, 618; James W. Maynard, 609; Harold Rendell, 603; Joseph W. Kinkaid, 601. Number presented at examination, 13.

Girls' Central—Gertrude M. Shanks, 772; Juanita Hastings, 726; Lily A. Cummins, 716; Elsie M. Giffin, 712; Florence V. Corder, 691; Edith M. Roade, 688; Mary M. Elliott, 665; Grace E. Savage, 623; Lottie M. Garvin, 615. Number presented at examination, 12.

St. Louis College—William H. Sweeney, 679; James M. Koeke, 613; E. J. Leonard, 605. Number presented at examination, 5.

Cedar Hill—Marian Russell, 639. Number presented at examination, 2.

The percentage of those who were successful at these examinations was considerably in excess of that at midsummer. On that occasion 113 passed out of 374, while at the recent examinations out of 225 candidates 150 were successful.

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The End of The Century

Close of the Era Will Be Marked By Religious Services.

The Usual Round of New Year Courtesies Will Be Observed.

Tonight will mark the close of the nineteenth century to all save the few unconvinced ones, who still believe that the new century began at the beginning of the present year. The event will be marked by a number of events, chiefly religious in character, whereby it is proposed to mark appropriately the passage of the nineteenth and the inauguration of the twentieth century.

In recognition of the unique character of the occasion, a number of employers have extended the holiday privilege to their employees to cover Monday as well as Tuesday. The provincial government has gone a step further, and has proclaimed Wednesday a public holiday for the province.

To-night the Baptist, Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, and Reformed Episcopal churches will unite in a social end-of-the-century religious service in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. A special service has been planned, and this will be used by the united congregation. The service will commence at 11, and will terminate at midnight.

The Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches will also mark the event by religious services. The Zionites have arranged for an all night service commencing at 8.30 this evening, and terminating at 4.30 to-morrow morning.

To-morrow will be devoted to the usual round of calls. The Lieut. Governor and Lady Joly will be at home from 3 to 6 p. m., and the Mayor and Mrs. Heyward will be at home to callers between the same hours.

The usual courtesies will also be extended by the officers of the fleet and army.

Perseverance lodge, I. O. G. T., will also, as usual, keep open house from 11 a. m. till 5 p. m., when strangers in the city will be especially welcome. In the evening a free concert will be given, the chair being occupied by Lieut. Col. Gregory, and C. H. Lagrin being the speaker.

To-night, in the A. O. U. W. hall, the Sons and Daughters of St. George will provide an old-fashioned English supper, followed by a Christmas tree and magic lantern entertainment for the children of the members. Music will be furnished by the Shelly-Davis orchestra. It was hoped that Bro. Court, who is among the returning members of the first contingent, would arrive before the meeting was over, but much to the regret of the members, he will not arrive for a few days.

In the Gospel Hall, Johnson street, services are being held this afternoon and evening and to-morrow. To-morrow's services will be at 10.30 a. m., 2.30 p. m., and 7 p. m.

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Along the Waterfront.

The German ship Carl, which was towed into Port Angeles on Christmas morning, and of which brief mention has heretofore been made, got a very rough deal at the hands of the big storm. Her captain states that during the height of the blow he never expected to reach shore again. The great seas that swept the Carl's decks tore away her stanchions and water poured through the holes thus left so rapidly that she was in danger of sinking, the pumps being unable to cope with the rising water. Her cargo of wheat was saturated, and it became necessary to jettison a portion of it. The Carl, it is said, is to be put in dry dock at Esquimalt.

It is believed that the wreck reported by the steamer Willamette as having been sighted in latitude 44 degrees 20 minutes north, longitude 124 degrees 36 minutes west, and which was at first taken to be some British Columbia schooner, may be the schooner Joseph and Henry, bound from Coquille river to San Francisco with lumber. The vessel is one of the few schooners on the coast painted white, and in this respect, as well as in that of her size, resembles the derelict. The Joseph and Henry is 91 tons register.

The steamer John S. Kimball is to be surveyed at Tacoma by the government officials, in consequence of the injuries sustained by the vessel in a storm off Cape Flattery. It has been found that the forward superstructure of the Kimball was badly strained. It will be necessary for the steamer to discharge her cargo.

A press dispatch from Holyhead reports that the bodies of 20 members of the crew of the British bark Primrose Hill, Capt. Wilson, from Liverpool for Victoria, which went on the rocks during the gale and broke up, have been washed ashore.

The United States transport Leelanaw, while on her way to the Orient from San Francisco by the southern route, was caught in a severe storm, and lost all her live stock.

The big British tramp steamship Glenhurst, from Mahoran, the new coaling station in Japan, has arrived on

the Sound, to load miscellaneous cargo for the Orient and London, viz: the Suez canal, and is scheduled to sail January 7th. She will be the second of Dudgeon & Co.'s steamships to sail by this route, the Glenloch having preceded her. The steamship Glenfarg, which is to be the third steamer for this new line, should arrive about January 7th, and will sail about the 17th.

Ten per cent. reinsurance is being offered on the overdue British bark Castle Rock now out sixty days from Hongkong.

British steamship Milton, 2,094 tons, is on her way to British Columbia from Vladivostok. She sailed on December 17th.

American ship Alexandria, 2,043 tons, is on her way to Moolyville from San Francisco for lumber cargo.

British bark Dundee, 1,908 tons, is out 33 days from Hongkong. She is coming to load at Chemainus.

American bark J. D. Peters left San Francisco for Comox on Wednesday.



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The improvement of the condition of the masses of the people in the progressive nations of the world is one of the most notable features of the century which passes into history to-night. Great Britain, which is still the workshop of the world despite the efforts of the bounty-fed industries of Germany and the fierce competition of the protected manufacturers of the United States, the condition of the workingman has been steadily improving until he has arrived at a position which would astonish his forefathers if they were permitted to pay a visit to the scene of their earthly trials and tribulations. Wages have risen steadily, the quality and size of habitations have been improved and increased, sanitary science has moved to a large extent theills of the body which ever threatened him, his children are educated by the state, even wholesome amusements are provided

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will reach home to-night, Ptes. Smet-
hurst, Lecman and Brethour being
among the detachment which reached
Vancouver to-day. They will probably
arrive in the city to-night about 9:30
on the arrival of the Princess Louise
from the Mainland.

At the wharf the men will be met by
the mayor and aldermen, members of the
patriotic societies, officers and men of
the Fifth Regiment, and citizens, gener-
ally. A procession will be formed, and
the men escorted by way of Port, Govern-
ment, Yates, and Douglas streets to
the city hall.

The men will receive a formal wel-
come upstairs in the large council room.
The three Victoria men mentioned are
the only ones to arrive this evening,
the remainder staying over at points along
the line, to visit friends. Private Smet-
hurst is the quartermaster of

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stores, and was all the engagement in which the first contingent was concerned, which was also that of Leeman and Brechour. A number of Spanish people will be present to assist in giving a welcome to Brechour.

The city council will be in session to-night and will seek to have the evening's business disposed of before the arrival of the boat. After the reception it is possible that the mayor and aldermen will attend the end-of-the-century service in St. Andrew's church.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 31.—5 a.m.—A high barometer again covers this western portion of the continent, and fair weather has been general. No precipitation is reported west of the Rockies. Temperatures have fallen at nearly all stations, heavy frost being again reported from northern California. In the Northwest light snow has fallen at Edmonton and Medicine Hat; the weather is fair, with temperatures falling to 24 degrees below zero.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday. Victoria and vicinity—Light or moderate northerly winds, partly cloudy and cold, with heavy frost at night.

Lower Mainland—Light winds, fair and cold, with heavy frost at night.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 31; minimum, 23; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, 22; minimum, 22; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 18; minimum, 10; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 10; minimum, 6; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.05; temperature, 44; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

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A few lots of Calendars, 1901, for sale. Johnston's, Douglas street.

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A very necessary acquisition to the Victoria West Methodist church has recently been erected in the shape of a kitchen, the opening of which will be duly celebrated at an entertainment, to be given this evening. Already the kitchen is partially furnished, one useful article appearing in it being a stove presented by Dr. Lewis Hall's Bible class.

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Notice is given that on Wednesday the name of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax will be changed to "The Royal Bank of Canada."

The post office general delivery wicket will be open to-morrow between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. The rest of the day will be observed as a holiday.

Mr. D. Sprague this morning received word of the death of his father at Winton, Ont., on December 24th, at the age of 88 years. Deceased was a well known resident of that part of the country, and a life long Liberal and member of the Congregational church.

"A. Co., 3rd R. C. R., have completed arrangements for their second dance in the A. O. U. W. hall on the night of the 10th. Tickets are now on sale at T. N. Hibben's, Army and Navy cigar store, H. Salmon's and Victoria Book & Stationery Company.

To-night the members of "A. Co., 3rd R. C. R., have all been invited to attend a social to be given in the school-room of the Metropolitan church. On Wednesday evening the men will be the guests of the W. C. T. U. at supper in their Mission hall on Johnson street.

Don't fail to see the new programme at the "Searchlight" Moving Pictures, 62 Fort street, showing Horseless Fire Department, Country Couple and Messmer, British Troops, and other subjects. Also Digging Trenches in South Africa. Open 1.30 to 5, and 6.30 to 10. For ladies, children and gentlemen, admission 10 cents.

The Fernwood Young Men's Association are negotiating for the acquisition of the Odd Fellows' hall at Spruce Ridge for a gymnasium. The trustees of the F. O. O. F. have been made an offer including the block and land acquired by the association a few months ago, and now have the matter under consideration.

The funeral of the late Samuel Hardman took place this morning from Hardman's parlors, at 9 a.m. Services were conducted at the Roman Catholic church by the Rev. Fathers Altshoff and Latene, and the following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. P. Farley, Capt. Delouchy, Capt. Martin, L. Watson, D. Murray and A. Lipky.

The past few months have witnessed considerable activity in the transfer of real estate in Mayne Island, which is yearly becoming more popular as a resort for tourists, and for holiday seekers from the neighboring cities. A gentleman named Telford has recently subdivided his property into town lots, and these have met with a ready sale. Among the purchasers from this city are Mrs. Irving, Messrs. Dean and others.

News comes from South Africa of the death on the 15th of November at Selatwe, Riv-doria, of Charles Brewster, who formerly resided in this city, and who leaves a widow and family residing here. Deceased had been employed by the Globe & Phoenix Gold Mining Company, and his remains were laid at rest in lands owned by that syndicate. He had been a sufferer from lung trouble, from which he succumbed after a protracted illness. For the past six years the late Mr. Brewster has been living in South Africa. Eight of a family are left in this city, four married being Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Verge, Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Harris.

A delightful programme of music was presented at the drill hall on Saturday evening by the Fifth Regiment band, under the leadership of Bandmaster Elin. The playing of the band was excellent and the singing of Messrs. Carroll and Morse was all that could be desired. Master Edgar Fawcett was at his best and showed himself to be a capital violinist. Beginning with next Saturday, January 5th, the band will commence their "season ticket series" of twelve concerts. Season tickets, good for one admission to each of the concerts, will be sold for one dollar and may be obtained from T. N. Hibben & Co., the Army and Navy cigar store, or from any bandman.

From a financial standpoint the series of lectures delivered under the auspices of the federated board was not a success. At a meeting of the board on Saturday night a report was submitted showing that the receipts from the lectures were only \$51.10, while the expenditure required was \$135.50. It was decided to discontinue the series. The question of hospital matters was left in the hands of the incoming board, which meets on Friday night. A communication was received from St. Thomas, Ont., where the lodge doctor question is causing a great deal of attention at present, asking for information in regard to the outcome of the difficulty in this city. The new board will also interview the government in reference to amendments to the Medical Act and other matters.

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THE WHEEL OF JUSTICE.

Number of Cases in Police Court This Morning

Strong Penchant For Overcasts in One Prisoner.

There were quite a number of cases in the police court this morning—sufficient to keep the authorities turning the wheel of justice until the noon hour. There was no incident of an unusual character, however, to signalize the last day of the nineteenth century as far as police court proceedings were concerned. Jeff Thornton did not appear to answer to the charge of vagrancy. Thornton, it will be remembered, stood before the tribunal about a week ago, and submitted a certificate to show that he was no vag. This could not be accepted as evidence, however, and the accused was asked to bring the signer of the document as a witness in his behalf. The task has apparently proven too great for his powers of persuasion, and Jeff, probably convinced that discretion is the better part of valor, has taken to flight.

Ambrose D. Moore, the musician who manipulates the piano in lives of questionable repute for a livelihood, was again called for vagrancy. The case was adjourned until Thursday, when in all probability Moore will not be on hand.

Yanaguchi, the Japanese who was arrested on a warrant on Saturday, was fined \$5 or ten days' imprisonment for drunkenness. Mary, a Songish maiden, was also fined \$5 and \$10 costs or ten days' imprisonment for imbibing too freely. Charles Halliwell also neglected to observe the principles of temperance while in pursuit of pleasure, and was fined \$5 or ten days for his indiscretion.

William Williams, alias "Alken," was charged with theft on two counts. The accused, who was gathered in by Constable Llewellyn, has evidently a marked penchant for appropriating other people's overcoats. He is alleged to have stolen that portion of Henry Eikhoff's apparel on Saturday, and that of Mr. Kagestad, the Yates street jeweller, some day last week, incidentally removing a watch at the time. Two coats were recovered at Aaronson's pawnbroking establishment by Sergeant Walker, who also took into possession another coat, the owner of which has not yet been heard from. The cases were remanded until Thursday, bail being fixed at \$500 in himself, and two sureties of \$250 each.

John Ecklesley was charged with carrying a concealed weapon. He was taken into custody this morning at the Clarence hotel by Constable Mowat. He gave, as his excuse for carrying the weapon, his fear of robbery. He claims that he had been in the company, a short time previously, of some whom he suspected of having designs on his property. Consequently he was unable to sleep, and left his room carrying the revolver on his person. He was fined \$25 or twenty days' imprisonment with hard labor.

Oens Morris, a Saanich Indian, was charged with an infraction of the fisheries regulations in retarding small salmon. The prosecution was conducted by Fisheries Overseer Galbraith, and Indian Agent W. R. Robertson, of Cowichan, watched the case in the interest of the Indian. This was the Indian who was apprehended by Constable J. Wood some time ago on this charge. The Indian was informed that he was liable to a fine of \$100 or three months' imprisonment with hard labor, and the confiscation of his horse, team and wagon.

Mr. Robertson explained, however, that the accused was ignorant of the law on this point, and that those who bought the fish were reprehensible. He had been among the Indians considerably of late warning against infractions of the regulations in this particular. He spoke highly of the good character of the accused, and pointed out that the latter had a large family dependent upon him.

The law on this point having been brought directly home to the Indian, the magistrate was not disposed to deal severely with the accused, and a fine of \$5 and 50 cents cost for cold storage charges, was imposed. The fine was paid.

ADVISED TO ORGANIZE.
(Special to the Times.)
Nenaimi, Dec. 31.—A delegation from the striking miners at Alexandria and Extension mines laid their grievances before the Nanaimo Miners' Union on Saturday night. The union expressed sympathy, but could not act. They advised the delegation to organize all the employees of the Dunsmuir collieries into a protective union. This, it is learned to-day, they will do.

Not a single candidate of the nine who submitted to the examination for mine manager's certificates passed. The question papers were very stiff.

At the close of the service in Emmanuel Baptist church, Rev. J. G. Hastings announced that on reconsideration, he had decided to withdraw his resignation which was tendered some time ago.

Tragedy

Runaway Accident, Cut Short the Careers of Two Promising Young Men.

Both Precipitated From Top of Load of Straw—Death Probably Instantaneous.

Shortly before noon on Saturday a terrible accident occurred on the Otter Point road, which plunged in mourning one of the most highly respected families in the district, and terminated the lives of two bright young men at the very threshold of promising careers.

The victims of the tragedy were John and Andrew Muir, as briefly mentioned in these columns on Saturday evening, and the circumstances which robbed the community of two estimable members while not observed by eye witnesses are doubtless sufficiently plain to obviate the necessity of a coroner's inquest.

It appears that the two young men were taking a heavy load of straw to the farm of H. Clark at Otter Point. The load was drawn by four horses, one of the leaders being a colt, and for the first eight or nine miles of the journey nothing probably of an unusual character occurred. Both men were well acquainted with the road, having resided in the Sooke district from their birth, and the elder, John, was an excellent driver.

Between eight and nine miles from the Muir home the road becomes quite steep for a short distance, assuming a rather sharp curve. At the foot of the curve is a bridge spanning Chartres's stream. From the position of the wagon when found, the state of the harness, and the marks on the road, it is presumed that the harness became entangled in some manner or other, perhaps through the eccentricities of the colt, and the horses bolted with their heavy load. Just at the commencement of the bridge the sudden swerve must have thrown the rack from its position, and precipitated the two young men about fifteen feet below.

The wagon did not exactly strike the bridge, but diverted from its course to one side, and the animals were brought to a stand still. John was thrown head first into the shallow water almost in the middle of the stream, and his neck was broken. The only mark on him was a bruise on his forehead. Andrew, the younger, fell on a log at the side of the stream, and slid about eight feet. His skull was opened, exposing the brain. In each case death must have been instantaneous. The hay rack was smashed to pieces.

The noise of the runaway was heard by old Mr. Chartres, who was a short distance away, but the aged gentleman being very feeble, was unable to investigate. His shouts for assistance, however, were heard by Messrs. King and Fletcher, who were working in the vicinity, and they responded at once. Arriving at the bridge a shocking scene met their gaze. Four horses held stationary by the position of the wagon at the side of the bridge, a smashed straw rack, and its load off the wagon, told them of disaster. Closer investigation disclosed the saddest and infinitely more shocking details, as the bodies of the two victims were found floating on the stream. They were immediately removed to the Chartres's residence, where they were prepared for the sad journey to their stricken home. In the meantime the aged parents were gently apprised of the terrible occurrence, and the bodies shortly afterwards were brought home.

The shock to the parents was terrible, and their sorrow is shared by not only the entire district, but in the city, where the young men were well known and highly esteemed. Coming at this particular season of the year in a period of general rejoicing and festivities, the stroke is a severe one, and the affliction heavy under any circumstances, and more so when it is remembered that both the young men were in the prime of early manhood.

John, the elder, was about twenty-five years of age, and, like his brother, was born in Sooke. There is no household more widely known than theirs, their father, John Muir, being one of the sturdy pioneers who came here upon the colony was in its infancy. Both young men were educated at Sooke, and they were general favorites in the district. John was captain of the football team, and well known in athletic circles. The younger, Andrew, was 23 years of age, and was, like his brother, very popular in the district. Together with a younger brother, Douglas, who has recently reached his majority, and a cousin, William, who is the entire work of the ranch virtually devolved upon them, and their indefatigable industry and ability had made it a splendid tract indeed.

Besides their aged parents and the brother and cousin just mentioned, they leave a younger sister. Yesterday Provincial Constable Cox went out to the scene of the accident to obtain particulars, and his report makes an inquest unnecessary. The funeral will take place from the family residence to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, the interment being in the little cemetery in the vicinity.

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WORKER REMEMBERED.

Children of St. Columbus Church Pres. sent Address and Oak Secretary to Miss Watson.

The following address, together with a handsome oak secretary, was presented to Miss Watson at the annual entertainment of the St. Columbus Presbyterian Sunday school, Oak Bay, held the other evening:

Dear Miss Watson:—We, the members of the Ladies' Aid Society, together with the pupils of the Sunday school, desire to express our heartfelt appreciation of the spirit and method put forward by you in filling the many positions of responsibility and honor with which you are at present entrusted. Believing that you have always done your duty unswervingly and to the best of your ability, we therefore take very great pleasure in asking your acceptance of this secretary as a small yet tangible expression of our love and esteem towards you as a co-worker for the cause of Christ in this place.

TEMPLARS ENTERTAIN.

The members of Preservance lodge, No. 1, I. O. G. T., will hold their customary New Year's Day reception in Temperance hall, Pandora street, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., when they will be pleased to welcome all who may honor them with a call. There will be refreshments and music and games during the aforementioned hours. The programme for the concert in the evening will be given by the following ladies and gentlemen: Misses Wilson and Hitt; Mesdames Stenland and Clyde; Messrs. Chambers, Semple, Jackson, Kinnaird; Watson, Wilson, Brown, and Master Foote. Lieut.-Col. Gregory has kindly consented to occupy the chair and C. H. Lagin has also consented to deliver an address.

The reception and concert has been given in Temperance hall every New Year's Day and evening for many years past, and always has been a success in every respect. The decorations of the hall are going on apace, and to-morrow will present quite a gala appearance. No admission fee will be charged during the day or evening.

The members of the garrison society met at Work Point have invited the ten sergeants of the Fifth Regiment to a smoking concert, to be held at Work Point barracks to-night at 8 o'clock. The invitation was received by Sergeant Major Muleahy, who is desirous that the regiment be represented by the required number.

Service will be held in St. Saviour's church, Victoria, West, to-morrow at 10.30. The services will consist of litany, address and holy communion.

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Provincial News.

VERNON.

A pleasing marriage ceremony was performed on Christmas day, at Mr. Clark's residence, by the Rev. Mr. Westman, when A. R. Morgan, of Armstrong, and Miss Brien were joined in the bonds of matrimony by Rev. Mr. Westman.

LYTTON.

S. Clark, eldest son of Thomas Clark, C. P. R. station agent at Lytton, and Mrs. Edwards of Toronto, Ont., were joined in matrimony at the Lytton C. P. R. station on Wednesday, 19th. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. Archdeacon Small. Messrs. Cameron & Hurley, the stage company between Lytton and Lillooet, have just completed a new office building on Main street.

WELLINGTON.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Matthew's church, Wellington, on Christmas Eve, the contracting parties being Alfred Taylor, of Goldstream, and Miss Elizabeth Thomas, eldest daughter of the late Capt. Thomas, of Cardiff, Wales. The groom was supported by Hugh G. S. Bellamy, son of "Bellefleur," doctor of the naval hospital, Esquimaux; while the bride was attended by Miss and Miss Lizzie Walkley, of Esquimaux. The bride was attired in cream cashmere, trimmed with flowers of deep lace and blue satin, with veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The chief bridesmaid was daintily attired in cream and white, while the bridesmaids wore pale blue silk. Both carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums. After the ceremony the bridal party proceeded to the Y. M. T. hall, where a splendid banquet was enjoyed, over one hundred guests attending.

GRAND FORKS.

The largest body of timber in this section, and probably one of the most important in British Columbia, occupies the valley of the North fork of Kettle river north of this city. Commencing at Cedar creek, 16 miles from here, is a cedar belt which extends for a distance of over 50 miles north in an almost unbroken body. The cedar is interspersed with merchantable tamarack and pine, and at the mouth of Franklin creek white pine commences to come in. The latter is of the same variety as the Michigan white pine, and is abundant in the river valley for fifteen miles above the mouth of Franklin creek. This immense timber belt is in its virgin state, so far as having ever been cut from it. During the past summer a number of ranches were taken along the valley, and several timber limits secured, but a large portion of the timber is still unclaimed. This timber will eventually be floated down the river and manufactured in this city, but it will be necessary first to clear the river of numerous log jams which now obstruct the channel.

ROSSLAND.

At the last meeting of the trades and labor council the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing term: President, Rupert Bulmer; vice-president, P. R. McDonald; secretary, M. Schallin; sergeant-at-arms, J. J. Haud; executive committee, James Devine, Chris Foley, John Devine and Ed. M. Grace. Robert MacCann, the veteran prospector, died at the Sisters' hospital at 5 o'clock on Wednesday morning after a prolonged illness. MacCann was well known in this camp. He was born in Buenos Ayres in 1843. His father was a native of Ireland and his mother of England. In the early days of California the family moved to San Francisco, and his father established himself there in the ship chandlery business, and also became an importer of coal, and became one of the prosperous business men of that city. Mr. MacCann worked with his father, and for a time was a drummer for a wholesale house in San Francisco. In 1863 his father established his son in the hardware business on a large scale in Portland, Ore. He remained there until 1870, when he went to the Omineca placer gold excitement in 1870, and since that time he has followed most of the time prospecting and mining in Alaska, Montana and British Columbia, with varying success. He came to Rossland in 1894, and has made this city his headquarters since.

NELSON.

Shortly before 3 o'clock on Wednesday morning a couple of men smashed in a window at Silver King Mike's second store on Hall street and grabbed three revolvers, decamping immediately. The proprietor was roused from sleep by the noise, but only caught a flying glimpse of the robbers. Rev. Robert Frew, pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, celebrated two weddings on Christmas day. One was that of Albert Mellor and Miss Florence Moore, both of Pilot Bay, who visited the city for the purpose of having the nuptial knot tied. The contracting parties in the second wedding were William Bell of Grand Forks and Sarah Ann McConnell of Toronto. The bride came in on the evening boat and met her fiancé here.

After January 1st the new C. P. R. station will be a union depot and the Nelson & Fort Sheppard trains will arrive and depart there instead of the present depot in Fairview.

The hull of the new tug under way at the shipyards is practically completed, but the date of launching is still indefinite. In many instances it is the rule to launch a craft when she is perhaps three-fourths completed, and to put on the finishing touches after she is in the water. In this case, however, it has been decided to finish the work almost down to the gold lettering before the tug is placed in her native element.

The position of assistant general freight agent for the Canadian Pacific railway in the Kootenay and Boundary districts recently vacated by F. W. Peters, has been filled by the promotion of Harry E. McDonald. The new assistant general freight agent has been contracting freight agent in the two districts for several years and has many friends among the business men of the Kootenays. He will be succeeded in the capacity of contract-

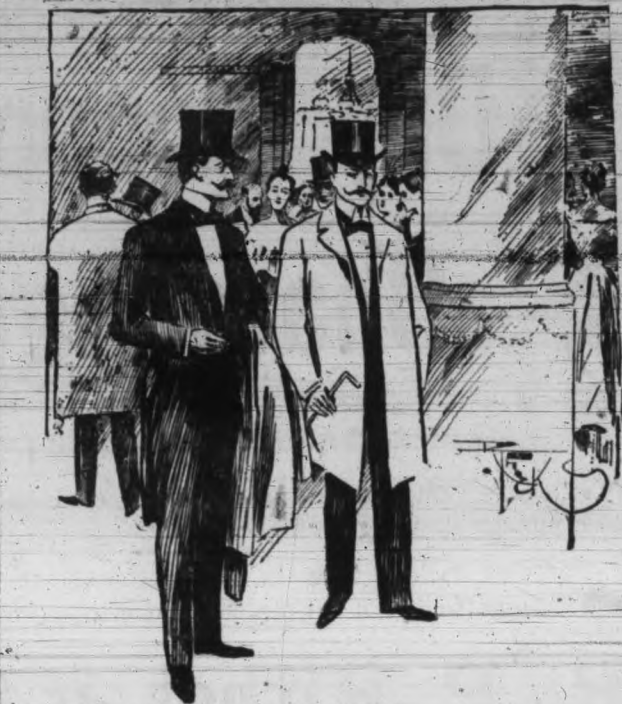


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"Just by singing?"
"Yes, and collecting the things that are thrown at him."

ing agent by a Mr. Stephens. The post of travelling passenger agent, left open by the resignation of W. F. Anderson, has also been filled by the appointment of J. S. Carter, of Vancouver, who is expected here about January 15th.

Pipe broke out on Thursday night in the house belonging to W. Avery, H. G. Parson, was the first on the scene and breaking into the house found the two children, one of whom was a boy of eight years, and a girl aged about a year. The boy had proved a plucky little chap, and aroused by the fire, which was burning in the roof over the bed, sparks from which had fired the bed, he picked up his little sister and carried her downstairs. The damage to the building was confined to the roof.

VANCOUVER.

Justice Irving has disallowed the application for the appeal made by the city in regard to the barber shop closing by law.

The complete terms of the sale in connection with the Van Andra transfer can not be learned, but it is understood that the payments extend over 18 months, and that the purchaser cannot withdraw without forfeiting the first payment of \$12,000. In the meantime Mr. Lowles has gone to England to organize a syndicate and start a new company. The price agreed upon is \$500,000 and 10 per cent. of the stock in a new company.

The body of Second Engineer Murray of the ill-fated Alpha has been again recovered and arrived on the steamer Joan at noon on Saturday. The funeral took place on Sunday.

William Beck, a rancher at Langley, while out shooting on Friday, met with a very painful accident. In climbing over a fence his gun discharged, shattering his left arm, necessitating amputation. No boat being on hand, the sufferer was obliged to wait for twenty-four hours before he could be taken to hospital.

The sitting of the city council on Friday night was a brief one. The only matter of importance before the meeting was the Northern Steamship guarantee proposition, which was deferred from last week, to allow the company to come forward with a clearly particularized scheme. A skeleton by-law was then introduced so as to facilitate the promotion of the matter in the event of such a scheme being presented. This by-law reached its committee stage last night, and an opportunity given for anybody representing steamship propositions to take advantage of it. The only one present was H. Senkler, who, on behalf of his clients, repeated the offer which he previously made.

A meeting was held in the city hall on Friday evening to discuss a proposal made by C. Woodward and City Engineer Tracy for reclaiming and turning into account the False Creek tidal flats which have been decided to the city by the provincial government, and for which a promise of similar action has been made by the Dominion government. Mr. Woodward produced the plan, drawn up by Colonel Tracy for converting the flats into valuable real estate. The proposal was to make a solid road-way where the Westminster avenue bridge now stands, leaving only an ordinary navigable channel, bridged over in the centre. The centre of the flats would then be covered by an island encircled by a navigable river. On this island the plan showed a park surrounded by a half-mile race track, with a fringe of warehouses, etc., on the waterfront. On the mainland side of the stream only a broad stretch of reclaimed land was shown. Mr. Woodward explained that by not making use of this stretch those who believed they now possessed shore rights would not be able to complain that their access to the water had been taken away. The cost of carrying out this work was estimated at \$250,000, in return for which land of the estimated value of one-half a million dollars would be reclaimed. Messrs. W. A. McDonald,

D. G. Williams, J. D. Taylor, J. Moreton, H. J. Franklin, and others, also discussed the plans, the meeting, however, being of opinion that before any steps are taken in the matter, competitive plans should be called for.

In the statistics now being prepared by the police court clerk for the annual report, the following enumeration of cases in the police court for each month between January and December of the present year is given: January, 117; February, 145; March, 88; April, 124; May, 139; June, 128; July, 110; August, 142; September, 155; October, 204; November, 97.

NANAIMO.

Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell, of Selby street, have just celebrated their silver wedding. They were married on December 25th, 1875, and the happy anniversary was celebrated by a dinner in the Spiritanists' hall, there being present 75 guests. A programme of songs, recitations, etc., was carried out, and a most enjoyable time spent by all. The couple received a great number of handsome presents.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M., elected its officers for the ensuing year on Thursday night. At the conclusion of the installation, which was conducted by Mayor Bate, the retiring master, T. W. Jones, was presented with a handsome past master's jewel.

Nanaimo's jewellers will close their stores every evening at 9 o'clock, beginning with the 2nd of January, except on Saturdays and evenings preceding holidays.

days. There is only one jeweller standing out against the scheme.

Harry Jones, a well known citizen, died suddenly on Saturday afternoon, aged 55 years.

Mayor Bate has received the news of the death of C. Alport, of West Beaufort, in South Africa. Mr. Alport was a son-in-law of the Mayor, and was one of the early pioneers of Nanaimo. He died at sea on the way home, and was buried off the African coast.

The Nanaimo Rifle Association has sent Mayor Garden, of Vancouver, and Mayor Scott, of Westminster, a request that they extend a cordial welcome to the returning volunteers from South Africa for the association.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Alexander Hoy, who has been engaged logging at Coquitlam, was brought in to St. Mary's hospital on Friday evening, with his knee cut open, as the result of an accident, a blow of his axe going wide of the mark, through a tree slipping.

An attempt at burglary was made at the residence of J. W. Beck, on Queen's avenue, on Friday night, but spoiled by the electric burglar alarm, which when the house is equipped. It was shortly after 11 when the alarm was given, the indicator showing that a window had been tried, and while Mr. Beck was quietly investigating, the alarm sounded a second alarm, this time from the back door. The intruder took warning from the noise, and made off, his tracks being plainly visible on the newly-fallen snow.

THOMAS HOSKINS NERVES—Mr. Hoskins, a resident of Durham, Ont., for a score of years, was a martyr to stomach and nerve disorders. Schooled to prejudice against "patent medicines," he started using South American Nervine as, he says, "a last resort," but six bottles of this great remedy proved to be his salvation physically. It can be yours. Sold by Dean & Hiscroft and Hall & Co.—124.



Old Highland Scotch Whiskey

Distilled by the well-known firm of

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Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt.

Over 10,000 Sold! Every One a Cure! Strongest Body Battery Made! No Burning Disks! A Blessing to the Sufferer!

By this I build up your weakened nerves and muscles. There is not a man or woman who is a victim of backache, rheumatism, weakness or derangement of the nervous functions but whom my application of electricity will cure, for it is a powerful and unfailing remedy. It heals while you rest at night. There is no interference with your work. It relieves in a few hours—cures in a few days. The electro-magnetism transmits every atom of the affected parts, and aids the whole working machinery of the body in the action of changing food into the living matter. Use one of my Belts as I direct and you'll save a life of suffering. It will thrill you with its warm, current and fortify you to do the hardest kind of work and to feel buoyant and strong. Why, then, suffer when here's a remedy which will drive out your ailment? Don't neglect my treatment. Call and test my Belts or write for my new book, freely conveyed and free to any man or woman.

Are You Weak? Act To-Day! Call or Send for My 80 Page Book—Free. If you are weak, if you have Varicose, Lame Back, Rheumatism, Weak Stomach, Dyspepsia, Sleeplessness, Physical Decline, Loss of Energy and Ambition, or any evidence of breaking down of the physical or nervous system, COME AND SEE ME OR IF YOU CAN'T CALL, WRITE FOR MY BOOK AND SYMPTOM BLANKS, WHICH ARE SENT SEALED, FREE.

DR. M. E. McLAUGHLIN, 106 1-2 Columbia St. SEATTLE, Wash.

FORESTERS AT ENDERBY.

A new court of the Independent Order of Foresters was organized at Enderby on Thursday evening, 27th inst., with a charter list of 25 members. The following officers were selected for the ensuing year: Court deputy, Wm. Fortune; chief ranger, Wm. Handcock; P. O., H. Norman; McLeod; V. C. R., Wm. H. Hutchison; recording secretary, Samuel Bowell; financial secretary, Howard G. Lawes; treasurer, Walter F. Wood; orator, Rev. R. N. Lowell; organist, Hudson G. Aldin; S. W., Albert E. Johnston; J. W., John H. Bailey; S. E., Frank Franklin; J. B., Robt. D. L. Long; trustees, Wm. Dwyer, Wm. T. Graham and Wm. Ashton. This is the 28th court of this progressive order established in British Columbia by W. E. Gillespie, D. O. R., of Ontario, during 1890. He also instituted four courts in Washington state during the same year.

KIDNEY DISEASE AND BACKACHE.

Mr. Patrick J. McLaughlin, Beauchamp, Que., states: "I was troubled with kidney disease and dyspepsia for 20 years and have been that had I could not sleep at nights and suffered terrible agony. I tried all sorts of medicines but got no relief until I began using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. They made a new man of me and the old troubles seem to be driven out of my system." One pill a dose, 25 cents a box.

HOW TO CURE COUGH.

Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amenia, Dutchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for cough, and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

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Beware of Imitations.

BENNETT'S

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Gutta Percha Waterproof Fuse

Has Been Proved and Not Found Wanting.

NO MISS-HOLES NO RUNNING

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ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS, IRON AND BRASS FOUNDERS, ETC., ETC.

We have just completed the erection, on our premises, of a boiler shop, fully equipped with a complete outfit of the latest improved pneumatic air tools and other appliances necessary for doing boiler and sheet iron work with dispatch.

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Award 1st prize Paris Exposition, 1900.

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The best. Made to last. Never disappoint. In sizes. Try one.

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PEMBERTY INJECTORS

Famous for their reliability.

Large stock carried of all class of steam fittings and engine supplies.

Office and Works, Rock Bay, Work St. Give us a call. Prices right.

VICTORIA UNDERTAKING PARLORS

60 Johnson Street.

Have purchased the old established business of T. H. Storey, retired the establishment in an up-to-date style, and imported a complete new stock of furnishings direct from the East.

Our Mr. F. Brooks, from an Eastern undertaking establishment, has all the knowledge necessary to take in hand everything pertaining to the business, thereby relieving patrons of all worry connected therewith.

F. BROOKS, Manager.

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A new and well equipped Commercial Hotel. Fine reading rooms, first-class bar and billiard room.

New English Billiard Table

By Wright, London.

Very fine dining rooms, first-class sample rooms, well heated and lighted. Free bus to and from all boats and trains.

COR. OF DOUGLAS STREET.

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OSBORNE HOUSE.

Corner Blanchard and Pandora Streets.

MRS. PHIL H. SMITH, PROPRIETRESS.

Refurnished and remodelled throughout. Rooms by the day, week or month, with or without board. Board and room, \$1.00 per day and upwards. Special rates by the month. Meal tickets, \$4.00 for 21 meals. Good table.

Notice.

The General Scavenger Business formerly carried on by the late Mr. Lines will in future be carried on by Mrs. Ed. Lines, who wishes to thank customers for their past favors, and hopes they will continue their patronage.

M. R. SMITH & CO., LD.

Dog Biscuits

ARE THE BEST.

Ask Your Grocer For Them.

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Cas, Steam and Hot Water Fitter

FIRE SALE!

DAMAGED HOLIDAY GOODS

SATURDAY AND MONDAY, DEC. 29th AND 31st.

We will sell out holiday stock, damaged in our fire of Christmas afternoon, at

Practically Your Own Prices.

This assortment contains some elegant perfumes, of which the box only was damaged.

Undamaged Stock.

We have many elegant things left in the other window, suitable for New Year's Gifts. Let us have the pleasure of showing you our goods and quoting prices.

John Cochrane, Chemist,

N. W. Corner Yates and Douglas Sts.

Conditions

Accepted

Chinese Are Sending Formal Acceptance of Terms Proposed by the Powers.

Action of Germans Is, According to Dr. Morrison, Creating Disorder

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 31.—Writing to the Times from Peking yesterday, Dr. Morrison says: "The Chinese have accepted all the conditions of the joint note. They are sending formal acceptance by an envoy and ask that negotiations should commence forthwith and military operations cease."

"Li Hung Chang is much better, although much shaken."

"Five expeditions are now operating. Every report tells of increasing unrest. The policy of depriving the Chinese of all power to exercise authority is spreading disorder broadcast and forcing peaceful Chinese into opposition."

In a dispatch dated December 28th, Dr. Morrison sends a long protest against German harshness, which, he says, is creating, instead of checking, disorder. He accuses the Germans of harrying the country and punishing the innocent and the guilty indiscriminately, in order to levy fines for defraying their own military expenses, and to form an excuse for continuing hostile occupation.

He also charges Count von Waldersee with a breach of faith, on the ground that he gave Li Hung Chang a map defining the area of the occupation in the province of Chi Li, and indicated the district beyond which the allies would not operate, and yet allowed the German troops to inflict severe punishment upon the Chinese at the Sang Chan and Yang Ching, both of which are outside the area.

Repeating the statement that the Germans are preparing for an expedition to Sien Fu in the spring, and also fomenting trouble in the Yang Tse valley, Dr. Morrison says: "The question arises whether the occasion should not be seized to separate the British troops from Count von Waldersee's command."

Chinese Scattered.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—Count von Waldersee reports to the war office, under the date of Peking, December 29th:

"The Chinese, who fled south, were pursued by a squadron to Kien, 100 kilometers southwest of Peking, where the Chinese scattered. Grueber's column seized a great quantity of ammunition, quick-firing and Krupp guns, Maxim rifles, etc., at Sun Chen, 21 kilometers east of Pao Ti Sien, which had been abandoned by the fleeing Chinese."

Starved to Death.

New York, Dec. 31.—The American Bible Society has received a report from the Rev. John B. Hykes, its agent in China, dated Shanghai, November 27th, in which he says that the missionaries who are safe in Tai Yuen Fu are Graham M. Kio, Miss Chapman, Miss Way, Mrs. Ogren and child, Mr. Ogren was massacred.

Duncan Kay, his wife and child escaped to the mountains from their stationmaster Ku Wu Sian. An anti-Christian kept them supplied with food until he was discovered by the Boxers and killed. After his death his widow nobly tried to save the lives of the missionaries by smuggling food to them, but the Boxers found out what she was doing and murdered her. Then they placed guards at the entrance to the gorge where the Kays were concealed, and so effectively did they prevent all communication with them that they suffered out of their food supplies, all three of them starving to death.

ASHANTI REBELLION OVER.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 31.—Col. Willocks has called the government that the Ashanti rebellion has ended, all of the rebel chiefs having surrendered.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. FERNWOOD ASSOCIATION PRACTICE TO-MORROW.

The Fernwood Young Men's Association will hold a practice game of football to-morrow (New Year's day) morning, commencing at 10:30, in the field at the foot of Fernwood road. All club members and others interested are invited to be on hand.

FIRE RETURNS.

The Losses This Year Were Less Than Any Since 1893.

The fire statistics for the past year show the total number of fires to have been 90, the losses amounting to \$11,400, the smallest since 1893. Last year the losses were \$38,500. During the past month there were five fires, the principal being at Pender's cabins on Humboldt street, and in the window of Cochrane's drug store. Total loss for the month \$800.

The yearly record since 1887, when Thos. Deasy became chief, is as follows:

Year.	Fires.	Losses.
1887	29	\$42,750 00
1888	44	10,000 00
1889	34	8,500 00
1890	81	10,705 00
1891	57	10,570 00
1892	93	12,187 00
1893	81	18,900 00
1894	56	57,500 00
1895	104	24,943 00
1896	76	9,940 00
1897	92	34,472 00
1898	90	32,500 00
1899	90	34,500 00
1900	90	11,400 00
Total	1,017	\$364,786 00

WARNING TO FRANCE.

To the Editor:—An Associated Press dispatch appearing in Saturday's Times under the above head simply calls for more than a passing notice. The dispatch said that the proposed bill brought in by the Warlike House ministry will drive Catholics from France, which he calls "Catholic France." That such a statement will impress itself more fully, let the reader imagine this Canada of ours as being a Zionite country, with a ministry largely Zionite bringing in a bill which Dr. Lewis, of Chicago, considered to be especially framed to drive Zionites from this country, composed largely of Zionites and who are at the back of the movement. Then imagine, if you can, such a statement as the following coming from Dr. Dowle: "I hope the Canadian (French) government will not renounce the services I am still able to render her. Several times recently I have been solicited by the head of a powerful state in the pursuit of the rights of Canada (France) in the East and Far East to be disregarded. I have refused, although compensations were offered to the Church. But if the orders without which Zionite (Catholic) expansion is impossible are to be suppressed, what answer shall I give in a day when religious persecution is made?" Who cannot discern the political power of Dr. Dowle if such a state of affairs were to exist. Those who have some knowledge of the treaty between France and China in 1842 will fully understand that the Vatican in that instance, as in many others, was the real power. It is the head of the powerful state referred to in the dispatch. The dispatch further stated that the bill would permit the rights of France to be disregarded. If you will read the numerous letters sent to the various governments more than a year before the present Chinese order, you will find the statement of the evangelist house calling attention to the abuses arising from that treaty which, if not terminated speedily, must lead to an outbreak and massacre, the statement of the Pontiff himself tells to the world the cause of "the war" in China, inasmuch as the Catholics are seeking to escape from under the yoke imposed by that treaty. Many times before the Pope's edict the Philippines and the Cuban revolted the Pontiff to permit of a change in conditions so that the sufferings of their people might be alleviated by the suppression of the religious orders, but it is no avail, hence the war. Again he says: "The concordat is being changed from an instrument of peace into one of war and oppression. Even in Protestant countries religious orders are not excluded from the liberties enjoyed by other citizens. They will probably return to England and the United States, as in the case of the French, to find a refuge against the inquiry of Catholic France." Like the other countries mentioned, a Roman Catholic section of the French people, who are otherwise an advanced people, solicited the Pontiff to stay the hand of the hierarchy in the Dreyfus affair, giving as one of their reasons the action of the clergy was alienating the better thinking people of France from the Church. The Pontiff in not recognizing the righteous petition of the cream of his people in France led to an open division of the French people, and it was demonstrated that the power of the religious orders had become so great that the entire French army was under the control of one order that had been banished seven times from France, once from eight colleges, and for years have been exiles in that country. Were these societies satisfied with the liberties enjoyed by other citizens they would never have been suppressed. The higher moral standard in Protestant countries have had a tendency to hold these societies in check to the extent that out of the eighty-eight times one society alone—the Jesuits—have been driven from other countries, but twelve times out of that number have been from Protestant countries. It is not alone France, but every Catholic country on the globe has found it necessary to enact legislation aiming at the correcting of excesses, subjecting these places of detention to public inspection, where not entirely suppressed. Notwithstanding the statement of the Pontiff, the following will suggest the cause of the late explosion of orders from France: On the 21st of June, 1870, was opened in the chamber of deputies the discussion of the scheme of a law touching "Liberty of Superior Education," a scheme in which the most important clause (article 7) interdicted teaching in all degrees to the Jesuits and other members of religious congregations not recognized by the laws of the state. On that day Paul Bert, member of the chamber of deputies and professor at the Faculty of Sciences, made a speech in which he attempted to demonstrate, from a purely political point of view, the dangers of an education given by that sect to the tranquility and moral unity of the country. Where that sect has been tolerated it has always carried with it the germs of civil war; that all those countries have expelled and cursed it, and that, according to the terms of existing French legislation, its members ought to be immediately expelled. The Minister of Public Instruction in answering the proposition, presented quotations drawn from books of history by the Jesuits, which excited the indignation of the chamber, who summoned Mr. Bert to the bar of the chamber on the 5th of July, 1870. While at the bar he presented in French translation from various notable Jesuit authors, including Gury, which is said to be in the hands of every priest to-day in the Romish

church. The emotion in the chamber was intense throughout the delivery. The newspaper that published the speech sold over 100,000 extra copies, with the ultimate result that the righteous indignation of a long-suffering people backed up the chamber in expelling that order.

LIBERTY.

DIED.

JONES—At Nanaimo, on Dec. 29th, Rares Jones, aged 25 years.
SHARP—At 417 Westminister road, Vancouver, on Dec. 28th, Elizabeth Mary Anderson, the beloved wife of Alex. Sharp, mining engineer, Rossland.
LAWSON—At the residence of her sister, Mrs. Johnston, 101 Fifth avenue, Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, on Dec. 28th, Miss M. Lawson, formerly of Winnipeg.

BIRTHS.

ROSE—On the 30th inst. at 2 Oswego street, the wife of R. Rose, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

CLARK-EDWARDS—At Lytton, on Dec. 19th, by Rev. Archdeacon Small, S. Edwards, and Miss A. Clark.
BELL-McCONNELL—At Nelson, on Dec. 25th, by Rev. R. Frew, William Bell and Sarah Ann McConnell.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST—From 42 South Turner street, young collie dog, 8 months old, colored yellow and white; answers to "Carey." Anyone detaining same after this notice will incur prosecution.
LOST—Brown leather purse (silver monogram "B. B.") containing a small sum of money. A Finder kindly return to 41 Carr street and receive a reward.
LOST—A Canadian Government stamp and other papers in envelope. Reward for finder at Times Office.

WANTED—A furnished house by newly married couple. Address "Cottage," Times Office.

FOUND—A black pig on Hillside avenue. Owner apply at Times Office.

FOUND—A purse containing a sum of money. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this ad. Apply this office.

WANTED—A lady, about 30, to take cash and order and delivery of goods; 7 hours work. Enquire—Searchlight, 62 Fort street.

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Dry Monopole Champagne

Was one of the highest priced wines sold on the London market, 1889 vintage attaining the highest point.

Messrs. Heidsieck & Co. do not advertise that Dry Monopole is the best wine in the world, but contend that there is none better.

R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd.,

PACIFIC COAST AGENTS

Trading Stamps.

All Merchants using trading stamps have decided to discontinue the use of stamps after the 1st day of January, 1901.

The People's Trading Stamp Co., Ltd., will therefore redeem all outstanding stamps in the hands of collectors.

All parties having 750 stamps (30 pages) and over and desiring of redemption will please call at the office any time before the 8th of January.

All lesser number of stamps will be redeemed between the 8th and 15th of January.

A Co., 3rd Royal Canadian Regiment

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